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4th October, 1935.

Dear V.V.,

With reference to your [redacted] of 19.9.35. regarding P.N.NEY, the following is a copy of a report we have received from the Canadian authorities concerning him:-

DECARDED
[11 MAR 1959]

"Re - P.N.Ney BELID.

"Referring to your cablegram in connection with the above noted person, enquiries at the local Passport Office show that Passport No.62070 was granted to one Peter Notersor Ney on July 28, 1933, for the purpose of journeying to Harbin, Manchuria, via Japan to visit his parents. Ney furnished a declaration to the effect that he was staying in Harbin for approximately eight months, after which time he intended to return to Canada for permanent residence.

2. Naturalisation Certificate No.68539, series A, was issued to Peter Notersor Ney on the 17th of March, 1930. He is described as five feet seven inches tall, brown eyes and dark brown hair. His occupation is given as decorator and painter. Naturalisation Certificate shows that Ney was born at Poltava, Russia, on November 15, 1908."

As you will see from the above no explanation is given as to the inclusion of the name 'BELID'.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) G.h.L.

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED :-
THE COMMISSIONER,
R.C.M. POLICE,
OTTAWA.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Office of the Commissioner.

Ref. No.

Ottawa September 21, 1935.

Dear Sir Vernon Kell:

Re - P.N. Ney BELID.

DEGARDED
[11 MAR 1959]

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Yours very truly,

J.H. MacBrien,
Commissioner.

Col. Sir V.G.W. Kell, K.B.E., C.B.,
Box No. 500,
Parliament Street, B.O.,
London, S.W. 1,
England.

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EXTRACT.

Relating to RIVOSH @ WALDEN.

Extracted from O.F. 39801. YORK. No. 124a.

Author of original . Place and date of origin 23.9.35.

Extract made by E.S. on (date) 21.10.35.

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On the 9th August Rosa YORK is reported to have visited a local Park and to have met an unknown foreigner, from whom she received an envelope. According to the taxi-driver, hired by the couple after their meeting, this man spoke the local Chinese dialect with considerable fluency. In connexion with this incident, the following is of interest: In one of the documents found on RIVOSH alias WALDEN at the time of his arrest, the address of a certain EDWARDS @ SINKEVITCH, employed as a code clerk in the National City Bank, was noticed. It has since been established that SINKEVITCH is in touch with one McCLELLAN, nationality doubtful, married to a Russian woman, sister of an important official in Vladivostok, whom she frequently visits travelling usually in Soviet vessels. McCLELLAN is a keen wireless amateur and is known to have a W.T. transmitting station in his house. Recently he took in as a paying guest a foreigner, recently arrived in Shanghai, with considerable money at his disposal, whose description corresponds to that of the foreigner met by Rosa YORK in the park. Enquiries in this direction are being made.

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21st September, 1935.

Dear General MacBrien,

In confirmation of my cable of 20.9.35. regarding P.N.NEY, this individual is at present in Shanghai and is stated to hold a Canadian British Naturalisation Certificate dated 17.3.30. and Canadian passport No.62070 issued Ottawa on 28.7.33.

NEY has come to notice in connection with the arrest in Shanghai of Dr.Maksims RIVOSH, a Soviet agent. Subsequently four individuals were arrested in Hankow in connection with an alleged attempt to secure the release of RIVOSH. Had the plot been successful he was to have been taken to 25, Avenue Petain, Shanghai, which is the address of P.N.NEY.

We have no record of NEY and should be grateful for any information you may be able to let us have.

K.S.W.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) G.M.M.

for Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

Major General Sir J.H.MacBrien,
K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Commissioner of Police,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA.

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S. Form 99.

TELEGRAM (Despatched).

To:— DOMPOL, OTTAWA.

No DS/165.
Date 20.9.35.
Drafted by GML. Capt.
Enciphered by ELA.
Despatched 20.9.35.
Franked by

Paraphrase

Will you please let us have all available information by next mail that you may have regarding one P.N.NEY who is believed to be a naturalised Canadian. He is holder of Canadian passport No. 62070 issued 28.7.33. We are writing you.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

, dated 19.9.35.

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

Dr. Maksims RIVOSH.

With reference to our of 10.9.35. and 17.9.35. on the question of the attempted abduction of the above-named man, -

asking for all available information regarding P.N. NEY, holder of Canadian British naturalisation (? certificate) No. 68539 (Note: This number was slightly mutilated in transmission and may therefore not be correct), granted on 17.3.1930., and of Ottawa passport No.62070, dated 28.7.1933. Had the plot to release RIVOSH succeeded, he was to have been taken to 25 Avenue Petain, Shanghai "House of foreigners having extra-territorial rights", which belongs to NEY.

We should be grateful if you could make urgent enquiries from the Canadians regarding P.N. NEY and let us have their reply as soon as received

E.D.T.

for V.V.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE 23a

dated 17.9.35.

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

Dr. Maksims RIVOSH.

Would you kindly refer to _____ of 10.9.35. regarding the above-named individual.

1. _____ RIVOSH has been identified by the official in charge of Lett interests at the Finnish Consulate-General in Shanghai. This official states that RIVOSH registered with him as a Latvian citizen on 1.3.34. According to his registration form he was born at Tarbata on 21.12.1894., is a merchant by trade and has no connexion with Military Service. His passport, No. 006861, was issued by the Latvian Legation, Kaunas, Lithuania, on 19.4.33. Previous to this he had held passport No. 008653, issued in Berlin on 15.5.1930. This informant also states that RIVOSH did not speak Latvian, was uncertain about his spelling and looked like a Lithuanian Jew. As his (informant's) suspicions were aroused, he referred the matter to the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs after RIVOSH's visit, but has never received a reply.

2. _____ the previous details of RIVOSH's passport, vide para.(1) of our letter of 10.9.35., were taken from the Chinese Passport Control form filled in by RIVOSH on his entry into China.

E.O.T.

for V.V.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

dated 16.9.35.

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

Dr. Maksims RIVOSH.

In continuation of , dated 10.9.35., Para.(3) of which referred to an attempt made by four foreigners to obtained the release of RIVOSH, -

that two of these indiv

were American citizens named Carl Julian LEMCKE and Eugene L

that another of these persons was a man named NAIDIS, who claimed to be, but was unrecognised as, a Netherlander of Jewish origin, a Shanghai motor car salesman. This man was reported by his wife to have had several secret meetings on the outskirts of Shanghai during July with unknown foreigners. On two occasions she noted the number of car used and this has now been traced as one registered by the Soviet Consulate General.

You will remember that the "Morning Post" of 7.9.35. stated that one of the persons arrested was a Russian named BRIANNAIDIS (i.e. Brian NAIDIS). PF 70184 This is obviously the man now reported on by

We are unable to identify any man named Brian NAIDIS, though we have traces of one or two Soviet agents with the same surname.

E.D.T.

for V.V.

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PF.44255/D.S.9.a.

12th September, 1935.

Dear Atherton,

Will you please refer to my letter 411/China/DS9a of 4.9.35. regarding Dr.Maksin RIVOSH @ Joseph WALDEN.

We have now heard that the names of the two American citizens, detained in connection with the attempted rescue of this man, are Carl Julian LEMCKE and Eugene BRINSON. P.F.150,939.

We should be most interested in any information you may be able to let us have regarding these two men.

We are also informed that Maksin RIVOSH's name is alternatively spelt Maksims RIVOSS.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) G. h. L.

for Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

Ray Atherton Esq.,
United States Embassy.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

, dated 10.9.35.

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

PF.44255

Dr. Maksims RIVOSH.

In continuation of our , dated 2.9.35.,

(1) RIVOSH, on his arrest, was found to be in possession of Passport No.V.006861, issued by the Lett Legation, Lithuania, on the 19th April 1933, on which he is described as "MAKSIMS RIVOSS, born 21.12.1897. at Gerbata, living 19 Aushross Gatve, Kaunas; merchant; visiting China for business reasons and staying between one and two years".

(2) The name Denise GHISLAIN was noticed in a book found in RIVOSH's apartment and it has been ascertained that it was from this person that [Leon MINSTER] (PF 44218) took over the [flat No.620 Route Camille Lorioz] during November 1934. We know nothing here of D. GHISLAIN.

(3) As stated in the "Times" of 2.9.35. four foreigners have been arrested by the Chinese in Hankow in connexion with an alleged attempt to secure RIVOSH's release by bribery. states that two of these individuals are American citizens, named [Carl Julian LEMCKE] (PF.734,862.) and [Eugene BRINSON.] (PF.150,139.) If you have, or can obtain anything from the Americans, regarding these persons, we should be interested to hear it.

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PRESS CUTTING.

MORNING POST. Date 7 SEP 1935

AMERICANS ARRESTED IN CHINA

ALLEGED PLOT TO FREE COMMUNIST SPY

SHANGHAI, Sept. 6.

A charge of attempting to aid and abet the escape of a Communist spy from a Chinese prison has been filed in the United States court for China against two Americans.

The men, whose names are given as Julius Lemcke and Eugene Brinson, are residents of Shanghai. They were arrested at Hankow last week, together with a Russian named Briannaidis.

It is alleged that the men visited Hankow in connection with a plot to free a mysterious Mr. "X," who was sentenced recently to fifteen years' imprisonment by a Chinese court. The charge brought against Mr. "X" was one of espionage on behalf of the Chinese Red Army.

Although under arrest for many weeks, Mr. "X" refused to reveal his identity, and finally gave the name of Joseph Walden, claiming French citizenship. Now, however, he has been identified as Dr. Mas Kin Rivosh, a German, who arrived in China from Berlin two years ago.—Reuter.

PF.150,139.

PF 70,184.

This week

This may interest you

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LEMCKE, J. N.?
BRIANNAIDIS N.?
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411/China/D.S.9.a.

4th September, 1935.

Dear Atherton,

Will you please refer to our letter 411/China/D.S.9.a. of 8.7.35. regarding the arrest in Shanghai of a Soviet agent calling himself Joseph WALDEN.

I write to let you know that this man has now been definitely identified as Dr.MAKSIN RIVOSH, a Lett. He has been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment on a charge of espionage.

In this connection, in case you did not see it, you may be interested to read the following paragraph which appeared in the "Times" of 2.9.35.

Shanghai, Sept.1.

"On suspicion of having planned to make an aeroplane rescue of a foreign Communist recently sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, two Americans and two Europeans have been detained in Hankow. Apparently the foreign Communist had been living for two years in Shanghai under the name of Maksin Rivosh, practising as a doctor. He was sentenced under the name of Joseph Walden.

The proposed rescue is believed to have been financed from Communist sources, but a hitch led to the discovery of the plot and the arrests."

Yours sincerely,

(sd) G. M. L

Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

Ray Atherton Esq.,
United States Embassy.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

dated 2.9.35.

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

In continuation of correspondence ending with our dated 12.8.35., regarding the unidentified foreign Communist, who was arrested in Shanghai on 5.5.35. and who stated that he was one Joseph WALDEN, French citizen, -

We have now received to the effect that WALDEN has been finitely identified as Dr. MAKSIN RIVOSH, who arrived in Shanghai from Berlin on the 6th August 1933 as a second class passenger in the s.s."Conte Rosso". At the time of his arrest RIVOSH was living in Apartment 5, 1986 Avenue Joffre, French Concession, and had an office at Room 209, 23 Yuen Ming Yuen. His wife at the time was confined in a country hospital and her present whereabouts are unknown. She is, however, believed to have succeeded in removing from their flat, as soon as she left hospital, all incriminating documents.

RIVOSH's business card states that he is a representative of Solingen Metall Waren of Solingen, Germany, of Addiator, Berlin and of [Felix Singer] Berlin. He describes himself as a Lett.

[L.258(132)]

DECARDED 4 JUN 1955

During a search of his office premises a carbon paper was found, which revealed a letter in Russian beginning "Dear old Man". This letter contained an analysis of Chiang Kai-shek's attitude towards the U.S.S.R. and Japan. You will remember that "Old Man" has been (ABRAMOV's) sobriquet in the past and that it was a term used to denote the O.M.S. representative in Shanghai. In 1933/34 the O.M.S. representative in China was known by the same term (no doubt ically).

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added that RIVOSH had been sentence

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the High Court of Hupei to 15 years imprisonment on a charge of espionage.

We are writing to to see if he can obtain any information regarding this man from the German authorities.

E.D.T.
for V.V.

P.S. You will no doubt have seen the paragraph in today's "Times" regarding the attempted rescue of RIVOSH by aeroplane. No doubt we shall receive details of this from our man in the Far East in due course.

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S. Form 39

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PRESS CUTTING.

TIMES. Date 2 SEP 1935

ATTEMPT TO RESCUE RED BY AEROPLANE

PLOT FOILED IN HANKOW

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

SHANGHAI, SEPT. 1

On suspicion of having planned to make an aeroplane rescue of a foreign Communist recently sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, two Americans and two Europeans have been detained in Hankow. Apparently the foreign Communist had been living for two years in Shanghai under the name of Maksin Rivosh, practising as a doctor. He was sentenced under the name of Joseph Walden.

The proposed rescue is believed to have been financed from Communist sources, but a hitch led to the discovery of the plot and the arrests.

Yes ?
How we come across this name in the Joseph Walden case before I wonder ?

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Mrs Neilson.

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15.8.35.

My dear Liddell,

I understand from S.I.S. that they sent you full reports on the case of "JOSEPH WALDEN", the unidentified Communist arrested in Shanghai on 5.5.35, together with photographs of some of the more important documents found on him. (of 24.6.35)

I should be much obliged if you could let me see these papers at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

J.P.L.

DVW.

Dear Phil

All the papers sent to JPL. returned by him.

KHJ

25/8/35

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411/China/D.S.9.a.

15th August, 1935.

Dear Mr.Atherton,

Will you please refer to my letter 411/China/D.S.9.a. of 8.7.35. regarding the arrest of a Soviet agent in Shanghai.

In the course of enquiries in this case we have been informed that P.O.Box 2018, which is used as a Communist cover address, was rented on 8.12.31. by a certain George Alexander KENNEDY - an American citizen. I wonder if you have any information regarding this man?

KENNEDY and his wife are believed to have been in Berlin in October 1933 where he operated a car repair shop.

They are now understood to have returned to Washington.

Yours sincerely,

(S) K.W.H.S.

for Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

Ray Atherton Esq.,
United States Embassy.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

dated 12.8.35.

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

Communist Activities in China.

With reference to correspondence regarding the arrest in Shanghai of an unidentified foreign Communist and with special reference to our of 12.6.35. in which it was stated that this individual claimed French nationality and stated that he was, in reality, Joseph WALDEN, born on 6.12.1895. at Hurlus, Marne, France, -

We have now received a report from to the effect that Joseph WALDEN is unknown at Hurlus, nor is there any family of that name residing in the town. Joseph WALDEN is also unknown to the French authorities.

E.W.T.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

dated 9.8.35.

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M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

Communist Activities in China.

In paragraph 4 of Report "D". dated 17.5.35., sent you under cover of my letter dated 24.6.35., it was stated that a certain Geo, Alexander KENNEDY, an American, rented on 8.12.31., P.O. Box No.2018 Shanghai, which was alleged to be a Communist address.

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We are now informed by

that it has been established that KENNEDY and his wife were both in Berlin in October 1933, where he operated a motor car repair shop. He has since returned to the U.S.A. and is now stated to be employed in the Government Library in Washington, D.C.

As stated in the letter of 17.5.35., Kennedy's divorced wife is now a [Mrs. POUTSMA,] the wife of a local (Shanghai) Netherlander resident, and it is reported that there is no evidence of her having any connexion with local Communist, or other suspected, elements.

-L.153(12)

The name of Geo. Alexander KENNEDY might possibly included in any enquiries you are making into the case of the unidentified foreign Communist through the Americans.

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for V.V.

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411/China/DS9. 24th July 1935.

Dear Major Vivian,

I enclose herewith Straits Settlements Police Political Intelligence Journal No. 5/1935, dated 31.5.35., together with a supplement regarding Joseph WALDEN, subject of correspondence under your [redacted] and our 411/China. Should you require a copy of the photograph of this individual would you kindly let us know and we will have one made.

When you have finished with this Journal would you please pass it to I.P.I. for ultimate return to us.

Yours sincerely,

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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To see attached Straits Settlements Police Political Intelligence Journal, please. see RED Box

S.5.
17.7.35.

Lee if we can identify "Joseph Walden"
He does not correspond with anyone
in our printed War Black lists.

18.7.35

Rz

We know Joseph WALDEN well Stench — Please
join his file

19/7

Lalo

To S.I.S. 23.7.35.

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SUPPLEMENT No. 3 OF 1935

To

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE JOURNAL

———— :o: ————

UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN COMMUNIST ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI ON 5TH MAY, 1935, WHO CLAIMS TO BE "JOSEPH WALDEN", A FRENCH NATIONAL

———— : o : ————

Information is required by the Shanghai Municipal Police which will help to establish the identity of an unknown communist arrested in Shanghai on 5th May, 1935, whose photograph is given above, and whose description is as follows :—

Age :—About 40 years.
Height :—5′ 8″.
Build :—Powerful. Possesses great physical strength.
Hair :—Light brown, turning grey at back and sides. Grown long on left side so that it can be brushed across scalp to hide bald patch.
Eyes :—Grey, with red rims. Weak-looking.
Eyebrows :—Brown and bushy.
Face :—Fleshy and somewhat puffed. Slightly double chin.
Hands :—Appear like those of a manual worker, with wrists abnormally thick.
Special marks :—Small scar on right index finger. Small perpendicular "half-moon" scar ½ inch long, on left side of chin.

He appears to understand Russian, French, German and English.

After a month's detention he has claimed to be "Joseph Walden", of French nationality, but this is doubtful. He was found in possession of four passports, none of which belonged to him.

He was found in possession of several copies of the right-hand photograph above, (with spectacles), which according to the experts, is a photograph of himself.

The photograph without spectacles was taken after arrest.

Any information about this man's possible identity may be sent to this office, or direct to the Shanghai Municipal Police.

———— :o: ————

Singapore,
31*st May*, 1935.

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411/China/D.S.9.a.

8th July, 1935.

Dear Mr.Atherton,

Taken from 411/China Vol.3. 126a.

In April of this year information came into our possession to the effect that a certain Naturalised American citizen of Russian origin was expected in Shanghai in connection with the starting of a Communist magazine to be run on the lines of the old "China Forum".

The American citizen in question was said to be a very well trained man who had been active in fighting all forms of Fascism in America. It was also stated that he was a Naturalised American of some years standing and had spent much time in the Soviet Union.

It was later thought that this man might possibly be identical with Bruno SCHWARTZ about whom we wrote to you on 31.5.35. under our 411/China/D.S.9.

We have now, however, received information regarding the arrest in Shanghai on 5.5.35. of a Communist agent calling himself Joseph WALDEN, who claims French Nationality.

At the time of his arrest a number of documents were found on him, amongst them a letter containing the following passage:-

> "In regard to the method of editing the Periodical, I see the great necessity to rearrange it....."

The above would seem to point to the possibility of the arrested Communist agent being identical with the Naturalised American citizen mentioned in paragraph 1 of this letter.

In case you may be able to throw some light on the identity of the alleged Joseph WALDEN, who states that he was born on 6.12.95. at Hurlus, Marne, France, I am enclosing two copies of his photograph. His description is as follows:-

> Height about 5ft 8"; weight about 180 lbs; hair thin, curly, of silky texture, light brown in colour but turning grey at back and sides, sparse above forehead and going bald on crown; eyes grey and weak looking, with red lids; nose well shaped; features regular; suspicion of double chin; rather fleshy and puffy; small scar on right index finger; abnormally thick wrists and very strong.

V.C.P.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) K.W.H.S.

Ray Atherton Esq.,
United States Embassy.

for Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

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29th June, 1935.

Dear Major Vivian,

I enclose herewith, as requested, the originals and six reproductions of each of the photographs of Joseph WALDEN, forwarded under your [redacted] of 25.6.35.

I have not yet had the opportunity to go into the reports in detail but will let you have our comments in due course.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) K.L.L.S.

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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(1. "The statement I made before the court yesterday, has been entirely wrong, has been an absolute forgery." etc, etc.)

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1. The statement, I made before the court yesterday, has been entirely wrong, has been an absolute forgery.
2. Thanks to the full exhaustion of my nerves and the resulting state of mine, which is some time similar to halucinonation the above mentioned statement has been impressed upon me by men who are conducting in this case a big provocatory game.
3. Never have I been in the Soviet-Consulate, never had I any talk with anybody of the staff of this Consulate, never had I even a occasional meeting with any of them. Never have I stolen any passports. The passports in question I have found in the street on Saturday 4-th, at 5 o clock p.m. as it was absolutely correctly told in my previous statements.
4. A big provocatory game is going on in my case aimed at finding some connection between me and my case and the Soviet-Consulate - a connection which never had existed; never had I any relations with that body or with anyone representing him.
It is up to the police to clear up the case of the stealing of passports which I found on the street. Instead of that only the above mentioned provocatory machinations are going one.
5. I asked yesterday evening to summon the court in order to expose these machinations but could do it only just now.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

dated 24.6.35.

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

Communist activities in China.

With further reference to our dated 15.5.35., I attach herewith copies of five reports giving full particulars of this case as follows:- reports "A", "B" and "C" all dated 13.5.35., "D" dated 17.5.35 and "E" dated 18.5.35., together with the photographs of the alleged Joseph WALDEN (sent with "A") and the photographs of papers referred to in "B", with the exception of the photographs of the big and little diaries containing cypher entries, which have been referred to C. & C.S.

As regards the photographs of this man, we should be most grateful if you could have them copied and let us have six reproductions as early as possible.

PF/ 357 BRUNDIN

You will notice that ["Ed. Scott",] the subject of correspondence ending with our 1304 of 20.5.35. is mentioned by (vide "B" of 13.5.35.), who suspects ~~the~~ Joseph WALDEN of being identical with the man referred to in Ed. Scott's letter. You will also notice that [PF.44218 Leon MINSTER's] name crops up in the course of this report. Leon MINSTER is the subject of correspondence ending with our of 13.6.35.

We have not as yet had all the names mentioned looked up in our registry, but should we find any likely traces we will let you know.

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With reference to our of 15.5.35., the following resumé of the facts of the case which have so far come to light has been received from and is dated 13.5.35.

1. On May 4th the local Chinese military authorities received information from Hankow that two Chinese communists, one male and one female, were en route to Shanghai.

2. On their arrival at Shanghai by the s.s."Tuckwo" on May 5th the male suspect escaped, but the female was shadowed to the Oriental Hotel in Nanking Road, where she booked room No.440. That afternoon she was visited by a male Chinese, later identified as LOH HAI PONG alias TSENG YUE MING, who was arrested after he had left her. On interrogation he admitted that he was an active communist working as a translator under the orders of a Miss WONG WEI YU. He had received instructions from her at noon on that day to visit Room No.440 of the Oriental Hotel to take delivery of a letter from Hankow which had to be delivered to a foreigner that evening at the corner of Avenue Foch and Hardoon Road. LOH stated that he had originally been introduced to this foreigner by Miss WONG on March 7th 1935 with orders to deliver all translated letters to him in future.

3. Detectives accompanied LOH to the meeting place and arrested the foreigner after a struggle in which he showed himself to be abnormally strong. At the Police station he was addressed in Russian, German and English, all of which he understood, but he refused to answer any questions concerning his identity or discuss the subject of his arrest.

4. In his possession at the time of his arrest were four passports, the details of which follow:

(a) Passport No.35 issued on March 13th, 1935, by the "Controleur General de la Surete, Chef des Services de Police du Tonkin" at Hanoi, Tonkin, in the name of Mr. GYUOT de la POMMERAY (Raymond Marie), French, born 11.10.1903, at Alexandria, Egypt, residing at Hanoi.

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(b) Passport No.61/34, issued on October 15th, 1934, by the Czechoslovakian Legation in China, Shanghai, in the name of Marie SIMAKOVA, born 27.4.1875, at St. Nechanice, residing at Shanghai.

(c) Passport No. 22242 issued on 1.6.1934 by the Police Prefecture, Paris, in the name of Mr. MONTAGNE, Maurice Michel, French, born 14.5.1904, at Nice, residing at No.97 Rue de Vaugirard, Paris.

(d) Passport No.7374 issued by the Chinese Consulate General in Paris July 12th, 1928, in the name of TCHENG SHING KANG, 22, Chinese, native of Tsin-Dien, Chekiang, merchant.

In a written statement made after an enquiry held by the French Consular authorities on May 6th (at which he answered all questions in French "I don't know") he stated in English that these four passports had been found by him in the French Concession and that it had been his intention to advertise for the owners but that his arrest had prevented this. He was unknown to the French authorities.

5. In the afternoon of May 6th he was brought before the 2nd Branch Kiangsu High Court and remanded in custody until May 10th. He still refused any information concerning himself or his nationality.

6. After the Court hearing [Mr. M.V.MILIKOVSKY,] Vice-Consul of the U.S.S.R. Consulate General, informed the Police that four passports had been stolen from a desk in the Consulate which he understood were now in the possession of the Police and he requested their return as soon as possible as they had to be visaed for the Trans-Siberian railway journey.

7. Brought up in court again on May 7th the suspect admitted that he had stolen the passports but refused any further information, whereupon the Court ordered their return to the U.S.S.R. authorities.

8. On the morning of May 8th the suspect made the statement before the Court of which a photographic copy is enclosed.

9. On May 10th an application for his extradition to the Chinese military authorities was opposed by the Municipal Council and refused by the Court. He remains in custody pending enquiries.

10. The attached photographs without glasses were taken by the Police at the time of his arrest. Several copies of the other

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photograph were found in his possession and it is being assumed by the local authorities, as a result of the evidence of photographic experts, that it is also a photograph of the suspect.

11. The man's description is as follows:-

Age about 40, hair thin and curly, silky in texture, colour light brown but turning grey at back and sides, sparse above forehead and going bald on crown, weak looking eyes with red lids; brown bushy eyebrows which almost meet; well shaped nose and regular features; suspicion of double chin, face rather fleshy and somewhat puffed; small scar on right index finger. Abnormally thick wrists and is apparently endowed with great physical strength. Height about 5'8", weight approximately 180 lbs. heavy build.

12. The Chinese prisoner, LOH, has been handed over to the Chinese Military authorities and another female suspect named Miss TSIANG YU ZA has given herself up to the Police. From both these sources it is hoped to obtain further information and every effort is being made to solve the problem of the identity of the foreign suspect.

A further report will be forwarded in due course.

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House 33, Passage 6, Route Lorton.

It was learned from a Chinese watchman employed in that place that the house in question had been occupied for over three months by a foreign family consisting of one male, age about 30, one female and one child. The watchman believes that the male foreigner is of Russian nationality, but does not know his name or place of employment. He added that the foreigner can speak Chinese a little. The police photograph of the foreign communist suspect was then shown to the watchman who stated that the man was not known to him and not identical with the occupant of House 33.

It was learned from Mr. D.M.Gutterres, an accountant in the employ of the firm of Marcel Darre, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, No.1. The Bund, that on January 15th 1935, House 33 Passage 6, Route Lorton had been leased for one year to Mr. Adolph E. EDWARDS, American, who is employed with the local branch of the National City Bank of New York. Further it was learned that on 31st January 1935, Mr. EDWARDS wrote the following letter to Mr. Darre:-

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> "Pursuant to my telephone conversation regarding the lease signed by me as of the 15th January for house No.33 Passage No.6, Rue Lorton, for one year beginning February 1st next, I now find that the friend with whom I was planning on living and who would naturally share the expenses of the house with me is leaving Shanghai in the near future. Under these circumstances it will be financially practically impossible for me to comply with the terms of the agreement, and I would ask, therefore, that you be so kind as to cancel the lease.
>
> I greatly regret being forced to take this move, but under the changed conditions, see no other alternative."

Mr. EDWARDS' request was not complied with by the firm, but they agreed to reduce the rental for the house in question beginning from April 1st from $.77.00 to $.70 per month.

Enquiries show that on February 1st Mr. EDWARDS removed to House 33, Passage 6, Route Lorton, from No.148 Route Admiral Courbet and that a certain Mr. Edwards is employed with the local branch of the National City Bank of New York. Discreet enquiries regarding him revealed that he is of Russian origin, his real name being SINKEVITCH. For the past five years he has been in the employ of the local branch of the National City Bank of New York, occupying a trusted position as a cable clerk. His work has been satisfactory.

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13th May, 1935.

In continuation of my letter reporting the arrest of an unidentified foreign Communist, I now enclose herewith photographic copies of the documents found on him at the time of his arrest and would in particular draw your attention to the following:-

A. The scrap of paper on which the name "ABRAM" occurrs. (Vide our _____ of 15.5.35.)

B. The letter from "204 through the Banker's daughter" (No.11).

It is the reference in the 3rd paragraph of this letter to "the method of editing the periodical" which makes our representative suspect that this foreigner may be the man referred to in "Ed. Scott's" letter, vide our _____ of 20.5.35.
The "Banker's daughter" is Miss TSIANG YU ZA.

C. The possibility mentioned in paragraph B above is further strengthened by the fact that the suspect was obviously receiving information from Hankow at the time of his arrest: by his possession of the letter (7-C) describing hostilities in West Hunan: by the frequent references in his account to "the Szechuen man", "the Hupeh man", etc. It will be remembered that in "Ed Scott's" letter particular importance was to be attached in the new periodical to obtaining news from the various communist districts.

D. On the last page of the large diary there are notes in German (except the first word which is in Russian) of which the following is a translation:-

1. Slipping.
2. The _____ goes, but time and patience.
3. Bad with the seals.
   a). Not exact
   More new seals
   Colour flows.
4. Not more. Make it as well as possible.

As these notes appear to refer to forgeries of some kind, there is a possibility that the passports in his possession at the time of his arrest were forgeries, or that he is engaged in forging passports.

E. The small diary contained a reference to the following address: Lorton Terrace 33, passage 6. I enclose, herewith, a copy of a report which I have received on the tenant. Further enquiries are proceeding.

F. Both the diaries referred to contain a quantity of cypher.

G. The list of names of persons in whom the Settlement Police are interested contains the name of MINSTER (vide correspondence ending with our _____ of 13.6.35.). This list was found in the possession of the suspect and there is no doubt that it indicates a serious leakage of information from the Special Branch.

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Names carded on enclosed photostats :-

YUEN HSEH-YIH

YANG CHU + CHOU

CHUN MEI

TSE WU

TSENG — ? TSENG YUE MING @ of LOH HAI PO

CHI YING.

YU

Enclosure to "B" of 13.5.35.

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1. Appointment with Famous Girl.
2. Account for April to May 2nd.
3. Letter from 204.
4. Address of the Szechuen Man.

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Address of the
SzechuenMan

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Yuen Hseh-yih

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(LOH Heidhorst)
WOO Kuk-Berg

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April till May

Henry	282.65 and 69.00	-	351.65
Rent			160.00
Rent for May			160.00
Security			160.00
House Rent final payment for June			140.00
Telephone			45.35
Electric			6.27
Staff (Coolie)			6.00
Sickness (Doctors and Medicines)			300.00
		Total	1329.27

Cash on hand	1774.69
	1329.27
Balance	445.42

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Dear Chief and Com.

I feel Like a Soldier who has been in the front line trenches for a long time, and now I am being sent to the rear. To deny that there is a feeling of gladness -of a sort- would not be honest, but that feeling lingered on for only a short time, and now I am craving to get back into harness. I console myself with the thought that there is plenty to do even in the rear, and that that work is just as important for without the supplies from the rear, the front can not hold out long. To put it in other words all work is important in a Socialistic Society. I can still work, and therein I rejoice. But we must also fight. We must know how to fight, and fight better than all others. That requires infallible judgement. And now dear Com. it is upon Your good judgement that the works success depends. The battle cry is ''Carry On''

I hope this finds You in a good mood (considering everything) and good health, and with best wishes to all.

Com. Yours Ch.

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ACCOUNT FOR APRIL (7-8a)

1. Payments:----

$255.00-----Camera.
200.00------204.(For April & May.)
50.00------Translator.
200.00------Wife.(For staying at Hangchow.)
120.00------Cantonese Girl.(4 months living.)
[illegible].00------Old House.
[illegible].00------2nd Radio Man.
30.00------Banker's daughter.
20.00------2nd Radio Man(making up loss of money)
30.00------Brother(for living & cafe payments.)
25.00------Brother(for room & other expenses.)
250.00------Brother(Trip to Hankow. $122 for the Boy)xxxx
14.00------Telephone installing(New.)
7.58-----Telephone for the old house.
43.33-----New house.
30.00-----For wife's dressing.
16.00-----Suit-case for brother.
50.00-----Nanking Girl.
100.00-----For living.(Myself.)
25.00-----Negative Viewer.
55.00-----Hupeh Man.($30 for living,$25 for establishing)
15.00-----2nd Radio Man.(For care expenses to meet F.Girl.)
60.00-----Wife's trip to Pengpu on 25th.)
10.00-----Japanese papers,(Szechuen Man.)
160.00-----Nanking Girl.
540.00-----Nanking Girl.
4.90-----Water deposit & installing.(New house.)
12.00-----light installing.(New.)
3.50-----Bulbs.
8.65-----Water & light.
7.00-----coal.
200.00-----Wife's trips to Hsuchow, Pengpu(three times.)
45.00-----Dormitary.(myself.2 weeks beginning with 27th.)
37.00-----Hotel for mother,sister & wife, including board.)
5.00-----Materials for developing.
12.50-----Papers for clippings.(Szechuen Man.)
100.00-----Famous Girl.
20.00-----Gas deposit.
50.00-----207.
32.40-----Cars.
28.70-----Entertaining & cafe.
10.00-----For Honan Professor to rent typewriter.
2.50-----Machine repairing.
5.00-----Post stamps.
20.80-----Telegrams.
37.00-----Medical treatments for nose.
8.00-----Armchair clothes.
80.00-----Szechuen Man.(for 4 months. living.)
80.00----- 2nd Radio Man(For 2 months' living. May & june.)
50.00-----2nd Radio Man.(For curing disease.)

3,317.08----- Total expended.(Till May 2nd.)

2. Income:----

$255.27-----Balance I.H.
400.00-----1st.
250.00-----6th.
200.00-----7th.*
95.00-----9th.
90.00-----9th.
500.00-----19th.
200.00-----26th.
20.00-----27th.
600.00----?
1,000.00----28th.

$ 3,620.27----Total.

3. Balance:-----

$ 3,620.27------Total recieved.Including B.I.H.(Balance in hand.of last month.)
3,317.08------Total expended.(Including the 200 for 204.)

303.21------Balance in hand.

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LOH Hai-hong

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Sealing Wax ------I,70.
Sprit Lamp ------3,85.
Filter Paper -----2,00.
Type Paper ------ ,35.
2 Glas Plates ----2,10.
2 Sockets ------ ,65.
Sisser -------I,20.
Opener(2) -------I,95.
Nife (2) ------- ,90.
Rubber ------- ,25.
Pincette -------2,25.
Alcohol ------- ,60.
3 Paint Brushes---I,70.
Scale -------3,75.
Enlarg.Glas-------2,85.
File ------- ,35.
Tape ------- ,25.
Pins ------- ,15.
Blue Pencil ------ ,10.
Brennschere ------ ,45.
3 Bulbs -------2,35.
2 Shelfs -------2,00.
I Dzd Wood Dices-- ,50.
Talcum Powder ---- ,35.
Cotton ---------- ,25.
2 Dzd. Envlps.----I,50.
Mortar ----------I,25.
Lamps ----------8,00.
Seal Wax and
Rubber ---------4,25.
Blue Crayon ------ ,40.
Envelopes ------- ,10.
Type Paper ------- ,40.
Seal.Wax ---------2,85.
Cartoon Paper ---- ,30.
Desk complete----36,00.
Photo paste ----- ,35.
20 Films ------36,00.
Candles -------- ,20.
Matches ------- ,65.

" " -123,30
282,65
159,35

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I have not heard from you for a pretty long time.
Have you received all the letters I sent to you ? The situation in Kwaichow and Szechuan is a little bit released now but the bandits there are not easy to be annihilated since a large number of the local troops and outlaws in Kweichow have been absorbed by the reds. About three thousands of troops formerly under the command of general CHen Chu-Chan in west Hunan have also gone over to the reds. Two days ago a telegramme from the front in West Hunan harder told that Ho Lung's army is now very active and has the Central army has to give up again Shung-Chi and Chi-Li, En-Si anf Hoh-Fung are also dangerous. Chen You Han(48 Division) has suffered a great loss, one commander of brigade is killed and 3 are captured. those troops of the central army which have acrossed Peiling Kiang river have to make a retreat for fear of being cut off.
Please let me know whehher this letter has reached you.

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Дали не сможете прислать все фото, которые видели. Все про судно Ваши карандашные рисунки.

С тов. приветом

27.3.35 Про орудия и боеприпасы Ваши лучше доложит по Китаю.

Ваши рисунки хороши, думаю нас в курсе всех новинок сообщит по вашей стране.

С нашей стороны все по старому обещанию. Его здесь будут ваши книги высылать, много сами не знаете, будем рады всякие сведения, а Ваши все можно фотографировать и сюда и Цзинг.

Карту, книгу с Вас

P.S. Пришлите, пожалуйста, Карту Тихого океана на английском языке покрупнее, чтобы на ней были все острова и побережье Азии и Америки (масштаб он 1: 10.000.000).

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(12) Aquino (Formerly lived at 48 Edinburgh Road now live at Tong Ung Road #264) (a Spanish)

Получено от Дангуба.

The list wanted

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The following list the names of persons, who are shadowed or once wre shadowed, by the detectives of the Settlements:

(I) Agnes Smedley.
(2) Frank Glass. Shanghai Mercury.
(3) Joseph Lillen, a barber, at the Hamilton House, his home address: I96, Lane 59I, Bub. Well Rd.
(4) K.G. Wulff (Danish)
(5) Bruno Schwartz.
(6) Batenin and Protauko.
Sterensen. B/
(8) Carl Lunt.
(9) Ruza Shuse Tabi.
(I0) ~~Hamashiga Ryanian American, his home address:~~
(I0) Watashigo Ayone.
(II) Minster, a Russian American, his home address: #20, Daisy Apartment, 6th floor, Route Camelle Lobloz.

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勝文弟欠，

示悉一切。回来示知。余擬於六月一日晚来申，雅當訪雅翁李惠民先生家。屆時倘兄有假，希来一晤。至希時間，又余夜間十一時左右。匆此，祝安康。

兄純上。

廿八年廿二日夜

LETTER FROM 204 THROUGH THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER
(Dated April 29th, 1935.)

Brother Tse-wu:

I had recieved your short letter yesterday.

On 25th, I had been in Mr. Tseng's place in company with Mr. Chou you introduced to me. As was told, he had gone to some other place yesterday. (24th.) On the next day, I went to him again, and failed to find him again. I was then much astonished of it. Yesterday,(27th) I went to him again and learned that Mr. Tseng was still staying there; but the master told me that he had just gone out, and seemed to be in wonder of my frequent visits to Mr. Tseng in their answers. I had just called on him through telephone, but, to my astonishment, Mr. Tseng knew nothing of Mr. Chou and what he answered was not satisfactory to me, so I thought it would be too abrupt to call upon him again. If you will meet with Mr. Tseng, please explain it for me.

In regard to the method to editing the Periodical,I see the great necessity to rearrange it; best you would come here personally to discuss about this together; or Chi-ying or Yu might be sent here. How do you think about it? I am very sorry I have no time to come to you; otherwise,I am quite willing to go to the east to have a pleasant talk with you. Please answer me at once when this letter is delivered.

With best regards.

Your younger brother,
Chun-mei.
April 28th.

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"C"

13th May 1935.

Further to my letter of May 13th on the subject of the arrest of an unknown foreign communist, I have to report that in the documents seized from the luggage of the Chinese woman suspect who occupied Room No.440 in the Oriental Hotel, the names of the following foreigners appeared:-

DECARDED 27 OCT 1959
A.M.KIEHN - 28 Route Winling.
DECARDED 27 OCT 1959
H.LAMBERT - 33 Route de Sieyes.

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May 9th, 1935.

Dear Dr. Canada,

Your letter brings me great delight in my sojourn in a foreign land. I have been travelling quite a lot and on my way I meet every kind of modern facilities. The people here are very hospitable and kind. Unlike travelling in the inlands of China. We are not anxious of anything untoward happening. Peace and order reigns in this remote corner of the new rising Empire. The weather has been favouring us specially. You can compare the May days on this island with what was told in the Greek stories. To say the truth I should urge you to come to spend the summer here. It will not cost you any more than you spend it anywhere in China.

My brother and my nephew both are due here about May 24th and I anticipate this family reunion, though a partial one, with great pleasure. Shall write later and hope you will drop me one or two words occasionally.

Yours,

Andrew.

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17th May, 1935.

Please refer to paragraph 12 of my letter of May 13th reporting the facts concerning the arrest of the unidentified foreign communist.

2. The Chinese prisoner LOH HAI PONG has disclosed to the Police that P.O.Box No.2018, Shanghai, is a communist address. On May 15th a letter posted in Kobe on May 10th and addressed to Dr. Joseph CANADA, P.O.Box 2018, Shanghai, China, was found. A copy of this letter is enclosed. It is interesting to note that on page 22 of document dated March 7th 1932 of the Noulens Case occur two examples of letters posted in Japan addressed to two unidentified doctors in Shanghai c/o P.O.Box No.1077. The name "Canada" too is reminiscent of the "Wales" and "Alexandria" of the Noulens Case.

3. Further, in letters intercepted in Singapore and Shanghai between known communists frequent cases occur of reference to some part of the communist apparatus in such terms as "brother" and "nephew" (see last paragraph of the enclosed letter).

4. LOH has informed the Police that he was instructed by another Chinese comrade to pay the annual rental of P.O.Box No.2018 in December 1934.

Enquiries regarding the registered holder of P.O.Box No.2018 revealed that it was rented on December 8th 1931 by Mr. Geo. Alexander KENNEDY, American No.211 Route de Boissezon, in whose name it is still held. The original application form was seen and it was found that a Mr. L.F.Rood, c/o The Public & Thomas Hanbury School for Boys, North Szechuen Road, Shanghai, has signed as guarantor. It was ascertained by Detective Inspector Everest from Mr. L.F.Rood who is still connected with the school, that Mr. G.A.Kennedy was formerly a teacher in the employ of the Shanghai Municipal Council but that he resigned his position in the Spring of 1932 and left Shanghai for Germany in order to take a course of study in Oriental affairs. The divorced wife of

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G.A.Kennedy who is now a [Mrs. N. Poutsma, List 153(124)] resides in No.66, 1522 Bubbling Well Road. A Mr. William LANG also resides at this address.

5. Enquiries proceeding.

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18th May, 1935.

With reference to my letters concerning the arrest of an unknown foreign communist, the following are the most recent developments:-

A. On May 17th a well known French Lawyer Monsieur Paul Premet called on the Municipal Police and stated that he had been instructed to act for the arrested man. He refused to disclose the identity of those who had instructed him nor did he know the name of the man whom he was to defend. Under these circumstances the Acting Commissioner of Police would only give Monsieur Premet an interview with the prisoner provided he compiled with one of the following conditions:-

1. To send a card and password to the prisoner which will result in his making a written application for permission to interview Mon. Paul Premet or engage him for his defence. Mr. Paul Premet has agreed to tell Capt. Wahl the password in confidence and it should be conveyed to the prisoner in an envelope. Or alternatively,

2. To obtain authority from the competent Court to interview the prisoner.

During the afternoon of May 17th, however, M. Premet sent his Assistant, a Monsieur Shikis to inform the Police that as his principals under no circumstances would allow their names to be divulged he had been instructed to refuse the conditions laid down by the Police. The matter did not end there as M. Shikis, who had come into contact previously with certain members of the Special Branch, approached them privately with the suggestion that if the Police would give facilities for an interview between M. Premet and the man under arrest, M. Premet for his part would guarantee that the Police would be informed of everything that transpired at the interview. The Acting Commissioner flatly refused to accept this suggestion.

B. On a further search of the house occupied by LOH, the

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Chinese suspect previously referred to, has brought to light several interesting documents. I have not yet been fully informed by the Police as to their nature, but I have received advance information from them to the effect that certain of the documents found conclusively prove the connections between Loh's activities and the foreign communist. However, the name of one other foreigner appears a certain R.K.BUTLER, of the American firm "The United Theatres. Enquiries are now proceeding in this connection.

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C. The photograph of the foreign suspect has been shown to a man named Hatton, who is at present ill in hospital, this man is a well known teacher of English with close connections with the Soviet Community. He is practically certain that the photograph of the man in the glasses is that of a person whom he met some weeks ago in the Soviet Consulate, with a view to arranging to give him lessons in English. This line of enquiry is also being followed up and a further report will be sent as soon as possible.

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18th June 1935.

Dear Major Vivian,

Will you please refer to paragraph 2 of your _____ dated 20.5.35.
Werner KNOP

[Terner KNOP,] whose address is given as c/o STRAVES, 1 Kensington Palace Gardens, London, W., is evidently identical with a certain Werner Gustav John KNOP, born Cuxhaven, Germany, 29.12.11, holder of German passport No.289/1933 issued London 4.5.33. This individual arrived in this country giving his occupation as student on 27.3.33. and has since 18.7.33. been the guest of Mr George Russell STRAUSS of 1 Kensington Palace Gardens.

[George Russell STRAUSS, M.P.,] visited Russia in 1930 and on his return organised an exhibition of Soviet posters in the House of Commons. He is connected with the German Refugees Hospitality Committee through which he appears to have come into contact with Werner KNOP.

According to our information Werner KNOP has in the past been connected with various Socialist and Democratic Students' Associations, of which the main objects were invariably anti-Fascist, anti-Semitic and anti-chauvinistic. In October 1931 he was arrested by the German police at Freiburg on a charge of having 'revealed military secrets' during a public meeting, but was released after fourteen days. He attended an anti-war congress at Amsterdam as a delegate of the Socialist and Pacifist Organisations of Cuxhaven. In March 1933 he is reported to have left Germany in haste as it was rumoured that the Nazi police had searched his lodgings. Since his arrival in this country he has applied to study at the London School of Economics and states that he wishes to take up journalism, in which connection he has cultivated acquaintanceships with Wickham Steed, Mr Scott of the "Manchester Guardian" and Mr O.R.Hobson of the "Financial News". He frequents the German Nazi Club in London and was instrumental in supplying details of the article in the "Daily Herald" of 14.9.33 - "Murder Incitement in London Nazi Club". Whilst in this country KNOP is reported to have been seen wearing the badge of the German Communist Party and to have addressed meetings in support of German refugees.

Yours sincerely,

MEK.

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
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18th June 1935.

Dear Major Vivian,

With reference to your _____ of 12.6.35., we are unable to identify Joseph WALDEN with any certainty. We have a trace of a certain J.G.WALDEN of 78 Ferme Park Road, Crouch End, N.8., who is connected with an organisation called the "Anti-War Legion", but which, as far as we are aware, has no political significance, and there seems to be no reason for supposing that this individual is identical with the Joseph WALDEN in question.

Yours sincerely,

RCH

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M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

Communist Activities in China.

With reference to our of 15.5.35. and 20.5.35., regarding the unidentified foreign Communist arrested in Shanghai on the 5th May last, we have now received to the effect that this individual now claims French nationality and states that he is one Joseph WALDEN, born on the 6th December 1895 at Hurlus, Marne, France.

We should be grateful if you would let us know at your early convenience whether you have any trace of an individual of this name.

E.D.T.

for V.V.

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M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

Communist Activities in China.

With reference to our dated 15.5.35., us to the effect that, from the documents seized in this case, it is considered possible that the foreign Communist, who was arrested and is still unidentified, may be the naturalised American of Russian origin, to whom reference is made at the top of page 2 of the letter enclosed with our dated 11.4.35. has asked us to make enquiries in America as to whether there is any information there to show who this man could be. I should be grateful, therefore, if you could take this matter up with your link in the U.S. Embassy and, as it is obvious from the above that with regard to the "Ed. Scott" document, perhaps you would also discuss this matter with him at the same time.

(2) that the following address was found among many Communist documents in the luggage of a Chinese woman suspect in the above case:

[PF.44156
Terner KNOP,
c/o STRAVES,
1 Kensington Palace Gardens,
London, W.]

Should you have, or be able to obtain, any information of interest regarding this address, we should be interested to have it.

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M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

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to the effect that, as a result of information supplied by a Chinese Communist, an un-identified foreign Communist was arrested in Shanghai on the 5th May last. This man had in his possession a document which indicated that he was in touch with (PF 122919 ABRAMOV) and that he was possibly using the number 0779 as a signature. The authorities have so far been unable to induce this man to talk, but his description is given as follows:

Age about 40:
Height about 5'8":
Weight about 180 lbs:
Hair, thin and curly, of silky texture, light brown in colour, but turning grey at back and sides, sparse above forehead and going bald on crown:
Eyes, grey in colour and weak looking, with red lids:
Nose, well shaped:
Features, regular:
Suspicion of double chin; rather fleshy and puffy:
Small scar on right index finger:
Abnormally thick wrists and very strong.

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